

OBITUARY

Mr. W. T. J. Gun, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.G.

By the death of Mr. W. T. J. Gun, the *Society* has lost an old and valued member of its Council. Mr. Gun's family came originally from Caithness but settled in Kerry, where his forebears were landowners in the seventeenth century. He was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took the History Tripos. Though called to the Bar, he made history and genealogy his life's work. He was a Fellow both of the Royal Historical Society and of the Society of Genealogists. For many years he was the editor of the *Genealogical Magazine*. He also edited the Harrow School Register (1571-1800), a painstaking piece of research which was extremely well done. In his *Studies in Hereditary Ability* he aimed at "a somewhat more extended delineation of character and achievements than that undertaken by Galton." It is a mine of information on relationship through females. I particularly recommend the chapter "Two Philosophic Statesmen," where he shows that Arthur Balfour and Richard Haldane inherited marked ability through all four grandparents.

His unique knowledge will be hard to

replace. The writer of this note has lost an associate and friend of many years' standing.

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Professor E. S. Goodrich, F.R.S.

WE regret to record the death at Oxford, on January 6th, of Professor E. S. Goodrich, who was a Fellow of this *Society* from 1926 until his resignation last year. Edwin Stephen Goodrich was born in 1868 and started his career as a zoologist under Sir Ray Lankester. He became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1905 and was awarded the Royal Medal in 1936. He was also a holder of the Linnean Medal, which was awarded to him in 1932.

Mrs. N. Potton

WE regret to report the death at Cambridge on April 1st, 1946, of Mrs. Nellie Potton, who was a member of the Council of the *Eugenics Society* from 1919 until 1944. During that period she took a lively interest in the *Society's* activities, serving on various committees and for some years representing the *Eugenics Society* on the National Baby Welfare Council.
